

### The Martyr's Child.

Four or five hundred years ago when religious intolerance was rife and persecution to the death practiced for difference of opinion on religion, Scotland suffered greatly at the hands of her sister country, England. The English sovereign would force upon the Scottish church conformity to her established form of religion, the Scotch with native firmness resisted and this brought on trouble, individual suffering and even open war and bloodshed. Cruelty was the order of the day and the Scotch once aroused could be equally cruel as the English.

Witness the case of the Marquis of Montrose who first favored the Scottish cause and afterward the English by whom sent with a force and then defeated and made prisoner in Scotland, he was beheaded and his body quartered. No doubt if the Scotch had been as powerful as the English just at that bloody period they would have dealt as hardly with their oppressors, for it was a barbarous age.

Our feelings are stirred though when we read of men, preachers of righteousness, hunted and driven like noxious animals, put to death by beheading often and their dead bodies treated with insult and indignity. Such was the case of the Rev. James Gurthrie, a good, noble and resolute man, the Martyr of whom we write.

While in prison awaiting execution, his little son, "Willy" was conducted to see him, the guide and guard of the young child being an old retainer and servant of the family. In the gay sunshine, along the streets of Edinburgh, the little boy frisked and,

"O whist ye, my bairn, said the old man then,

And is this time for play?  
Your hairs will be white ere the half ye'll ken,

Of the loss ye shall thole this day!  
They've entered now the prison gate.

They've mounted the prison stair  
And the mirth in the young child's heart is dead,

For no sunlight followed there.  
O this is a chill and darksome place  
And he clung to the old man's knee,

You said I should see my father's face,  
But I know he'll come home with me."

The "father," James Gurthrie, was beheaded and his head was stuck upon a high pole as a warning to like "offenders;" there it bleached and dried in the day and night, a mute, solemn witness to "man's inhumanity to man" and one soul's faithfulness to death in its most horrid form.

"There sitteth a child," the Nether Bow Port,

In the light of the summer sky,  
And he steals there yet in the winter's snow,

But he shuns the passers by,  
And ever he meekly goes his way  
When the stars come over the place,  
And his mother weeps to hear him say.

"I've been seeing my father's face."

Willy Gurthrie grew up strong in spirit and love to God and man and there was promise of a course like his father's run, but the body was too frail and heaven claimed him early.

"He hath looked the last time on his father's face,  
And he lies in his mother's grave."

A. L. P.

The city of Montgomery has an anti-spitting ordinance. Any person guilty of spitting on the streets or in a public building will be fined. The law is in effect in many states and larger cities, as the filthy habit of spitting is a most potent factor in the spread of tuberculosis and other diseases.

In 1883 the cost of a session of our state legislature was \$5,915. In 1909, the total had grown to \$34,170.

### The Mobile Reunion.

I. With a heart full of gratitude to God for his goodness and manifold mercies, the General Commanding announces the successful termination of the twentieth annual reunion of this great and glorious federation.

He is filled with pride and gratification that he is able to say that the welcome and entertainment which he promised that the patriotic people of Mobile would give to his beloved comrades has been more than met; for no former reunion city has done more in the number and variety of the social features provided in such profusion for their comfort and happiness. Those who temporarily resided in the hotels, and in Mobile's most elegant and refined homes, bear witness to these efforts of her grand people, while those partook of her hospitality in the "tent city" on the shores of her beautiful bay will carry to their graves the recollection of the delights which were so lavishly bestowed upon them.

The General Commanding notes with pleasure the many and beautiful decorations—in the public parks, on stores and residences, on the United States government buildings and on the shipping in harbor, both domestic and foreign. These adornments added pleasure to the heart of his comrades, and moved him greatly; but that which touched him most was the spontaneous unanimity of the applause which greeted the old soldiers throughout the entire line of march. He notes, too, that among the decorations was to be seen the regulation square battle flag, rather than the oblong "naval jack," conspicuous in the past.

For all these works done for the welfare of his dear associates, the General Commanding, in his own name and for the invincible privates of his "peace army," returns to the citizens of Mobile, men and women, young and old, most hearty and grateful thanks. He thanks, too, the ladies who sang in the business meetings of the convention, and the little ones in streets on the day of the school parades. The Gulf City has earned the love of the "thin gray line," who will retain it till the work of life is ended.

II. In surrendering to younger hands the leadership of this glorious organization, the General Commanding takes occasion to express his cordial thanks for the cheerful assistance the men of rank have ever given him in his work, which he begs they will continue to his worthy successor.

With a heart full of love to each member of our Order, and committing them to the care and guardianship of God, as commander-in-chief, he bids them a lasting and loving farewell.

By command of  
CLEMENT A. EVANS,  
General Commanding.  
WM. E. MICKLE,  
Adjutant-Gen. and Chief of Staff.

Miss Sadie Cackley and Mrs. W. H. Auldridge returned Thursday evening from Neola. Miss Sadie will remain a few days in the city. Mrs. Auldridge, after spending the night with her friend, Mrs. John Peters, took the morning train on the Greenbrier for her home at Millpoint.—West Virginia News.

Mrs. John Peters goes to Dunmore today as a delegate to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Lewisburg district, which will be held the 25th and 26th, Saturday and Sunday.—W. Va. News.

A. W. Arbogast and lineman, Charlie Hevener, reached town Wednesday via the Frost Gap. Mr. Arbogast reports a bad mix up in the lines between here and the Gap, and it is to be hoped that more satisfactory service will result from the overhauling.—Highland Recorder.

Misses Woodsie and Rosie Poage, of Clover Lick, have returned home from visiting their sisters, Mesdames Williams and Lightner, of Valley Centre.—Beth Enterprise.

### State News.

Prof. Thos. E. Hodges will probably be appointed head of the University of West Virginia, in the stead of President Purinton. Professor Hodges has been the leading man of the college for years any way, and a better man cannot be found for the position.

Interests associated with the Remington Arm & Tool Co. have chartered a company for the purpose manufacturing flying machines and autos at Charleston. They will buy the Baldwin Machine works, South Charleston.

The fourth annual meeting of the State Educational Association met in Charleston last week. The enrollment of teachers reached a thousand, in addition to hundreds of visitors from Charleston and other cities. One of the important matters under consideration was that of pensioning retired teachers. This matter was referred to a committee on legislation. They also put themselves on record as favoring a tax not exceeding a cent on each thousand feet of gas, two thirds of the revenue thus derived to be applied to the general school fund. The next meeting will be at Bluefield.

Congress has appropriated \$602,000 for public buildings in West Virginia. Among the towns included are Moundsville, Wellburg, Buchannon, Phillipi, Elkins, Sistersville, Grafton and Morgantown.

The Charleston board of affairs have adopted what promises to be an effective plan for breaking up the sale of intoxicants by drug stores in Capitol city, from which it is well known, saloons have been barred. The plan is simple and merely requires that with his application for druggist's license, the applicant must furnish bond not to sell any intoxicating liquors either upon prescription or otherwise.

The Summers county grand jury returned two indictments against the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company for violating the two-cent passenger rate law. The prosecuting attorney will insist on a hearing at this term of the court, but it is understood that they railway company will ask for a continuance on the ground that the same question is now pending in the circuit court Kanawha county.

There are about 930 automobiles West Virginia. At least there are that many licensees. That fact is shown by a compilation made in the office of the State road commissioner. The license fees received by the State for the past year amount to nearly \$10,000.

The report of the secretary of state for the month of May, has just been issued, and shows the total receipts in that office for the month to be \$12,319.86, or just about \$500 for each business day of the month. Several large corporations were chartered during the month that helped to swell the amount, and then more than \$3,000 came from corporations that were given the right to hold more than 10,000 acres of land within the state. One of these were the Lackawanna Crescent Coal & Timber Company, which paid the state \$2,500 for the privilege of holding 50,000 acres of excess the amount permitted under the laws without paying an additional tax. There were 56 resident and 20 non-resident charters issued during the month, the largest of the latter being that to the Fort Dodge Portland Cement Corporation for \$3,500,000. Ten companies increased their authorized capital, the greatest increase being that of the Marmet Mining Company, from \$100,000 to \$3,000,000, and five decreased their capital stock, the greatest being the West Virginia Timber Coal, Land & Oil Company, from \$1,000,000 to \$5,000. The total number of corporations to dissolve and surrender their charters to the state during the month was 23, while three foreign corporations were authorized to do business in this state.

### Postoffice in Wilds

The following is republished from daily press news for the misinformation it contains:

Forcing civilization into one of the wildest sections in the eastern part of the United States, Representative Gaines has recommended the establishment of two new post offices in Pocahontas county, close to the line of Greenbrier county. The two new offices are to be in the great unbroken forest along the headwaters of the Cherry river where but a few years ago there was a tract of forest twenty-five miles square without habitation, and which is not much more thickly settled today. At the present time it is forty miles in one direction between post-offices and twenty in another. At hardly any other part of the United States, east of the Rocky mountains, is this situation duplicated.

The reason no postoffice has been established in this territory is that there are no inhabitants and consequently there is no demand for a post-office. But the operation of logging camps have necessitated the recommendation by Mr. Gaines of better postal facilities and the result is two new offices. He recommends the establishment of Flats, with James Sheets as postmaster, and Beaver, with Mrs. A. Sheets as postmaster. Both offices are in Pocahontas county and in the Cherry River section.

### Who Did He Mean.

While the republican papers of the state are lauding Senator Elkins for his part in the passage of the railroad bill there should be given a little time to the consideration of the other side of the question. Collier's Weekly has this to say on the matter:

"A United States senator, who is not a democrat and who was not an insurgent proceeding the consideration of the railroad bill spoke thus in private conversation:

"The man who drafted that railroad bill in the form in which it was first introduced in the senate is the greatest traitor to the American people since Aaron Burr." He referred to the cunning intent necessarily back of the subtlety with which the bill was drawn to give the railroads all they want under the appearance of subjecting them to restrictions. It remains to be said that the senator is one of the best five lawyers in the body and has a habit of intellectual accuracy which abhors hyperbole."

### Knapps Creek.

Still we have rain and high waters. Farmers have but little chance to work their corn.

In a recent electric storm Tom Malcomb's portico was struck by lightning.

Mrs. Maria Herold is recovering slowly from an attack of grip.

Mrs. Dice Rimel and Mrs. King are visiting at Sunset this week.

Miss Reta Levesy, of Roncverte, is visiting at Wise Herold's.

A. L. Herold will spend his vacation at his father's.

Mrs. Icie Pullin is spending some weeks with her mother, Mrs. Hannah, who is some better at this writing.

Miss Blanche Pritchard is visiting her grandmother at Danmore.

Misses Maud and Georgia Lockridge attended the corner stone laying at Academy.

Mr. and Mrs. Goulet have left their old home.

Rev. L. P. Groves, former pastor of the Baptist church in this city, but who is now engaged in evangelistic work, has removed his residence from Milton to Alderson, the latter being a more central point from which to reach the territory which he has to cover.—Beeley Messenger.

The report of the audit made by the State tax department of the officers of Fayette county will be made of record Thursday June 30. This report contains some sensational disclosures, it has been intimated.

### Academy

Congressman Joseph H. Gaines, representing this district for the past ten years in the National Congress at Washington, spent Saturday night and Sunday in our town.

Wesley Chapel Sunday School, M. E. Church South, gave a very interesting Children's Day service here last Sunday morning which was largely attended.

Gen. L. Clark, who had the misfortune to lose his dwelling last winter by fire, has again erected a very neat six room cottage and is now moving to his new house. This is the second time he has been burnt out and re-built.

Mrs. E. H. Beard returned this week from Staunton, Va., where she had been called to the bedside of her father who has been seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hill, former residents of the Little Levels, but now of Charlottesville, Va., are here this week visiting their old friends.

Miss Minnie Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Clark, has been on the sick list for some time.

Mrs. Verdie Mann, primary teacher in the Hillsboro graded school here, attended the State Teacher's Association at Charleston this week.

A large crowd attended the laying of the corner stone of Oak Grove Presbyterian church here on last Wednesday the 22nd. Quite a number of Masons from a distance were present to take part with the local lodges in their beautiful and impressive service. Everybody seemed well pleased, and the day was fine—plenty of good things to eat, and the Ladies Aid Society had a net gain of \$230 to their credit.

Kidd Brothers, of Covington, Va., who have the contract for the brick work of the new church, are on hand with a force of men, busy at work laying the walls.

### Buckeye.

The health of the people in this community is good at present.

Miss Queen Arbogast, of Arbovale, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. McClintic, returned to her home last Sunday.

On last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. W. McClintic entertained Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. McClintic and their daughter, Alice, and Mr. McCrary, all of Marlinton.

Wm. Jackson and wife were visiting Mr. Jackson's brother at Laurel creek over Sunday.

Miss Mintie Rogers has gone to Hinton to spend the summer.

George McKeever was badly hurt the other day while hauling lumber. His team, a pair of spirited young horses, became frightened and ran away, throwing Mr. McKeever off the wagon. No serious injuries were received, but he has suffered a great deal of pain.

Mrs. Susan Rogers was called to Stony Creek recently to see her brother, Jake Beverage, who has been sick, but is some better.

Mrs. Lucy Armstrong and Mrs. T. C. Hawes were visiting in Greenbrier last week.

### Possum Run.

Hoeing corn, potatoes and sowing buckwheat is the order of the day.

P. A. Tracy has gone to Pendleton county to visit friends.

W. B. Simmons is going to Durbin to keep books.

Jesse Wooddell is hoeing corn for James Wenger.

William Kramer, Cloud Barkley and Lee Wooddell were at Durbin on business Saturday.

The Beverly and Marlinton Telephone line will be extended to Webster Springs within the next six weeks. The company will put in a central office at this place and give us first-class telephone service—something long needed. J. M. Trimble, of Valley Head, has charge of the work of construction and is rapidly pushing the work.—Webster Echo.

### Webster Instructs for McClintic.

At a largely attended mass convention of the Democratic voters of Webster county, the following resolution endorsing Hon. L. M. McClintic for the State Senate was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, It is the sentiment of this convention that the nominee on the Democratic ticket should come from the county of Webster or other county not now represented in said district and,

"Whereas, The Hon. L. M. McClintic, of Pocahontas county, is a candidate for said nomination, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the delegates of this convention be, and they are hereby instructed to cast their solid vote for the said L. M. McClintic as long as his name is before the convention, unless W. L. Wooddell, of Webster county, shall be a candidate, in which event the delegates are instructed to vote for said Wooddell."

### An Aged Shoemaker

(Baltimore Sun.)

Marysville, O.—Joseph Cooper Marysville's oldest citizen, who celebrated his 94th birthday anniversary a few days ago, has a remarkable history. Mr. Cooper is a shoemaker and followed his occupation for more than 75 years, retiring from active work four years ago. He enjoyed the proud distinction of having made boots and shoes for Presidents Jackson, Van Buren and Tyler; also Gen. Winfield Scott, Stonewall Jackson, Gov. Lecher, Gen. Edward Lee and Sam Houston.

Mr. Cooper was born near Lexington, Rockbridge county, Va., on March 6, 1816, and at the age of 6 years he began learning the shoemaker's trade with his father. During the summer season the latter had a shoemaker shop at White Sulphur Springs, Va.

Cooper's parents were of French and Indian descent. His father, Joseph Cooper, Sr., was a soldier in the war of 1812, and also of the Mexican war. He served two years under Gen. Winfield Scott. Mr. Cooper's grandmother, Mrs. Mary Beverly, lived to be 118, and is buried at Chillicothe.

Mr. Cooper is in good health and bids fair to round out the century mark. He says he will attend the garden again this summer and keep the lawn mowed. His memory is good and he delights in reading the daily papers and smoking his pipe.

### Transfusion of Blood.

Mrs. E. H. Mitchell, daughter of I. G. Fletcher, who lives between Athens and Princeton, Mercer county, left the Hinton hospital Sunday morning after making a most remarkable recovery from what had been considered to be a noncurable disease known as pernicious anemia.

She had been sick for a year, and when she reached the Hinton hospital was not able to sit up. The doctors at the hospital had no medical treatment to suggest, but said they were willing to try transfusion of healthy blood from other person into her veins. So her husband was selected to furnish the blood and was bled into her circulation, as much as he could stand to lose. About ten days later a cousin, E. L. Fletcher of Athen, came down and the transfusion process was repeated, using him as a subject. This seemed to be all that was necessary and on her departure Sunday she was probably the brightest and rosiest patient in the hospital and the Doctors see no reason why her recovery should not be permanent.—Hinton News.

We wish to thank the good people of Millpoint and vicinity, for their kindness and sympathy shown us during the sickness and death of our dear daughter and sister, Grace, who died Tuesday morning June 21, 1910 of appendicitis. May God bless us all and give us a home in heaven.

W. W. RYDER AND FAMILY.

### The Lawyer's Oath.

Under a law enacted by the last Ohio legislature, an application for admission to the bar will have to take an oath, in which he promises not to appear in behalf of any complaint that seems to him unjust or undertake a defense that is not honestly debatable under the law. This oath is calculated to enforce the idea that a lawyer is an officer of the court, and as such his duty is to promote justice.

There has been an idea that a lawyer might be true to his profession if he won a case without any reference to whether his cause is right or wrong; if his talent and skill could establish a wrong claim, or get arascal out of a scrape, it was all right—that was his business—but that is not his business. That is a very depraved view of the legal profession and is descriptive of a class of lawyers who are a disgrace to it.—Exchange.

The Executive Committee of the County Sunday School Association will meet in Marlinton, July 4th at 2 p. m. to prepare program for the County Convention which will convene at Arbovale in the near future. The following persons compose the committee: Rev. J. C. Johnson, E. H. Moore, S. B. Moore, Clark Hiner, S. C. Harper, L. J. Moore, Rev. G. S. Weiford, Dr. C. W. Eskridge, Rev. Dr. A. M. Cackley, Rev. C. A. Buchanan, Mrs. S. J. Rexrode, J. C. Loury, O. G. Arbogast, and A. D. Williams. All of the committee are requested to be present and do what they can to help arrange program for the above named convention.

J. C. JOHNSON, Pres.  
L. J. NOORE, Sec.

### State Senate

To the Voters of the Tenth Senatorial District:

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for the office of State Senator from the Tenth Senatorial District, composed of the counties of Braxton, Calhoun, Gilmer, Pocahontas and Webster, subject to the action of the Democratic Convention when held. If nominated and elected to said office, I pledge myself to vote for and aid in every way possible the submission of the amendment to the Constitution known as the "Prohibition Amendment."

L. M. McCLINTIC,  
Marlinton, W. Va., May 9, 1910.

To the Democratic Voters of the Tenth Senatorial District:

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of State Senator from this Senatorial district. If nominated and elected to this office, I will take pleasure in voting in the Senate, as I did when a member of the House, to submit the "Prohibition Amendment" to a vote of the people.

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M. F. GUM,  
Auctioneer,  
Marlinton, W. Va.

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